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A Further ACCOUNT Of the Actions done at the Siege of MONS.

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Paris, March 27. We have Advice of the arrival of the French Galleys before *Nizza*, and of Monſieur *Catinat*'s having taken two ſmall Redoubts near that place, but that a Reinforcement of 800 Men, with a conſiderable quantity of Proviſions and Ammunition, was got into the Caſtle in the ſight of our Troops, which had ſo diſcouraged them, that it was thought they would not attempt it, but only attack *Villa-Franca*, where they expected to meet with leſs oppoſition. They write from *Piedmont*, that 2000 German Horſe had deſtroyed all the Forrage about *Pignerol*, which the Governour of that place deſigned to have got together for the uſe of the *French* Troops, and that they had beaten ſeveral Parties of that Garriſon which were ſent out to oppoſe them, two *French* Captains being, amongſt others, taken Priſoners.

Bruſſels, March 31. We hear by a Perſon that came hither yeſterday from the Camp before *Mons*, that the *French* after having been four ſeveral times repulſed in the Attack they made on St. *Peters* Mill, with the loſs of a great many Men, had at laſt on the 27th Inſtant made themſelves Maſters of it, but that the Beſieged re-took it the next day, and were ſtill in Poſſeſſion thereof when he came away. That the Enemy had 40 pieces of Cannon and divers Mortars in Battery towards the Gate of *Barlemont*, but that their Cannon had not yet made any Breach, nor their Bombs and Careaſſes done any great harm to the Town. That on the 29th the *French* made a great Attack upon a Horn-work towards the ſaid Gate of *Barlemont*, but were beaten off with very great loſs; He ſays likewiſe, that the Enemies Troops are continually moving from one ſide of their Camp to another, and that they plainly diſcover the uneaſineſs they are in upon the News of His Majeſty of *Great-Britain*'s approach for the Relief of the Place.

Hague, April 3. All our Advices from *Flanders* ſay, that the Town of *Mons* makes a very good Defence, the Beſieged being very reſolute and unanimous; That the Mill was ſeveral times taken and re-taken, and was at laſt blown up by our Men, when they found it could be no longer maintained, but what was ſaid of Monſieur *Vauban*'s being killed, is

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not confirmed. On the 29th the Enemy made a great Attack upon an Out-work near the Gate of *Barlemont* but were repulsed with very considerable loss; They reckon that above 1000 of the *French* were killed in that Assault, and in three Sallies which the Besieged made quickly after. The Enemies Bombs have done little harm to the Town, having for the most part burst in the Air before they reached the place.

The King went on Sunday last from *Breda* to *Vilvord*, from whence His Majesty would go in a day or two to the Army, which has its general Rendezvous at *Hall*, about 2 Leagues beyond *Brussels*, in the way towards *Mons*. The Elector of *Bavaria* is still here.

Brussels, April 1. The Troops of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, to the number of 11000 Men, are arrived in our Neighbourhood, and yesterday our Army began to encamp between this place and *Hall*, where by Wednesday next there will be together near 50000 Men. In the mean time the news we have of the Siege of *Mons* is, that the French spent the first 8 or 10 days in raising their Lines, and fortifying their Camp, without making any attack, but since the opening of their Trenches, they push on the Siege with all the vigor they are able; and on the other side the Besieged defend themselves as vigorously, being greatly encouraged by the expectation of speedy Succour, of which notice has been given them by some Officers that got into the Town. The Mill of St. *Peter* was taken and retaken 5 several times, and at last quitted and demolished by our Men. And on the 29th the Enemy made an Assault upon a Half Moon which covers the Horn-Work towards the Gate of *Barlemont*, (on which side only they attack the Town) but were repulsed with great loss. The king of *England* is expected this Evening at *Vilvord*, where His Majesty will be met by the Duke of *Zell*, Prince *Waldeck*, and the other Generals.

Vilvord, April 2. The King arrived here last night, and on Wednesday next His Majesty will go and Head the Army at *Hall*, from whence they may march in 3 or 4 days to *Mons*. The Enemy in the mean time make no easie advances in this Siege; The taking of St. *Peters* Mill cost them a great many Men, and after all, it was retaken by the Besieged, and demolished by them. On Thursday the French attack'd an Outwork near the Gate of *Barlemont*, but were repulsed with the loss of 4 or 500 Men; but we hear this day, that in a second attack they have taken it, the Enemy pressing the Siege with their utmost strength and vigor because of the approaching Succour. But the bravery with which the Besieged defend themselves, give us hopes they may hold out till the Succours come up to their Relief.

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